

AGRICULTURAL.

Agriculture as Viewed by Noted Men.

Agriculture is the most certain source of strength, wealth and independence. Commerce flourishes by circumstances precarious, contingent, transitory, almost as liable to changes as the winds and waves that waft it to our shores. She may well be termed the younger sister, for, in all emergencies, she looks to agriculture both for defense and for supply.—*Colton.*

The first three men in the world, were a gardener, a ploughman, and a grazer; and if any man object that the second of these was a murderer, I desire he would consider that as soon as he was so, he quit the profession and turned builder.—*Cowley.*

In ancient times, the sacred plow employed the kings, and awful fathoms of mankind.—*Thomson.*

In the age of acorns, antecedent to Ceres and the royal ploughman, Triptolemus, a single barley-corn had been of more value to man than all the diamonds that glowed in the mines of India.—*H. Brooke.*

Trade increases the wealth and glory of a country; but its real strength and stamina are to be looked for among the cultivators of the land.—*Lord Chatham.*

In a moral point of view, the life of the agriculturist is the most pure and holy of any class of men; pure, because it is the most healthful, and vice can hardly find time to contaminate it; and holy because it brings the Deity perpetually before his view, giving him thereby the most exalted notions of supreme power, and the most fascinating and endearing view of moral benignity.—*Lord John Russell.*

The farmers are the founders of civilization.—*Daniel Webster.*

And he gave it for his opinion, that whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together.—*Seiff.*

Command large fields, but cultivate small ones.—*Virgil.*

The frost is God's plough which he drives through every inch of ground in the world, opening each clod, and pulverizing the whole.—*Faller.*

The Department of Agriculture at Washington, some time since issued a circular to all its correspondents. The answers were returned by March 1st, 1874. Among the questions asked was: "What branch of Agriculture has been most profitable in the country the past year?" Answers were received from almost every county in the United States, and the results are summed up as follows by J. R. Dodge, the statistician:

"In Maine, hay occupies the first place and dairy husbandry the second; hay and stock-raising are of equal importance in New Hampshire; dairy husbandry stands high in its predominance in Vermont; in Massachusetts, hay first, market-gardening next; the garden and the dairy divide the honors in Rhode Island; and tobacco stands first in Connecticut. There is much diversity in New York, but dairy husbandry is far in advance, being the choice of one-third of the farmers. There is much variety in New Jersey, though market-gardening stands first. In Pennsylvania manufacturing and mining make a varied production most popular, few counties indicating very decided preferences, though wheat (as few suppose) holds the first place in one-sixth of the counties. In Delaware, tobacco; in Maryland, tobacco and fruit-growing. Of more than fifty Virginia counties, expressing decided preferences, 16 favor tobacco, 9 'mixed husbandry,' 9 corn, 5 stock-raising, 5 market-gardening, and others pean-nuts, sheep-husbandry, fruit growing and wheat. In North Carolina corn stands numerically before cotton. In Florida, sugar-cane is preferred, while cotton predominates in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas. In Arkansas corn stands first; and in Tennessee hay and corn are preferred. In West Virginia, corn and stock-growing; in Kentucky, tobacco and corn; in Ohio, great diversity appears, sheep husbandry, corn, general cropping, wheat, hay and fruit-growing; and in Michigan a similar variety, wheat dairying and fruit-growing. Corn is king in Indiana and hay prime minister. Corn is also first in Illinois and wheat next. In Minnesota, wheat; in Wisconsin, wheat and the dairy; in Iowa and Missouri, stock growing, corn and wheat. The order in Kansas and Nebraska is wheat, stock-raising and corn. In California, wheat, sheep-husbandry and fruit-growing. In Oregon, wheat and stock-growing.

The Book Canvasser.

BY JOHN HILLMAN.

About 8 years ago, while at dinner with my family, I was informed that there was a gentleman in the parlor who must see me immediately on very important business.

Hastening from the table, I found myself in the presence of a plainly dressed but very nervous man, who informed me that he was canvassing for the sale of Doctor Erastus Spingut's new work, entitled the "Normal Circulation of the Blood."

I at once informed the man that I did not want the work.

He then began a long account of its value and importance to every human being, when I broke in upon his eloquence by repeating that I did not want the work.

He continued by telling me that no library would be complete without it. Again I declared in the most positive terms that I did not want the work.

At this point the stranger seated himself in a chair, and deliberately drew the book in question out of his satchel, and informed me that no gentleman to whom he had offered it had failed to subscribe.

Growing desperate, I declared in the most emphatic tones that I would not have the book at any price.

Rising from his chair, he took off his overcoat, and throwing it carelessly on the sofa, struck an attitude, and for ten minutes gave the most glowing account of the circulation of the blood and the anatomy of man that I ever listened to.

I once more assured him, in a beseeching manner, that I did not want the book.

Seating himself again in the chair, and wiping the drops of perspiration from his brow, he went back to the days of Adam and Eve, and for half an hour talked as no human ever talked before on the various diseases the human system was subject to, closing up with a vivid recital of the circulation of the blood.

Again I insisted upon it that the book would be of no use to me, and that I would not have it.

Springing from his seat, with the book in his hand and his eyes flashing fire and his whole manner intense, he began to show me its contents, commencing at the title-page.

I saw at last that it was worse than madness to resist any longer, so I subscribed for the book, concluding myself with the reflection that if I ever had a book to sell myself I would have it sold by subscription.

The more I think of it, I am soiled with the pious energy and long suffering of the book canvasser, that I wouldn't think of selling a book any other way.

He is a man whom you can't escape any more than you can your own shadow; he follows his victim like a ghost and hangs around him grinning like an undertaker.

The only way to get rid of him is to subscribe at once, and let him go for the next phellow.

The shaving sope man and the life insurance agent are very good in their way but they don't compare with the book canvasser for lively work any more than the pensive cockroach duz to the red-hot muskeeto.

They steal on you like a kat on a mouse, when you ain't looking for them, and, like the fly in the spider's web, the more you try to get out the further you get in.

I luv the book canvasser now, his words are like humny in the comb, and his logic is like sweet ile, and he may sell me a book I don't want, and won't have, there is real phun in the way that he duz it.

I subscribe now, at least once a year, for sum kind or a book, that I never look into, with a title to it as long as the tail of a kat, just because the book canvasser iz so polite and so utterly impossible to get rid ov.—*N. Y. Weekly.*

DEFINING A MASON. Two brick layers were discussing the merits and demerits of Free Masonry, about which either knew nothing, but wished to make his opponent believe that he did. "I know more about Masons than you think I do," said one. "Pshaw! that's nonsense," was the reply. "There's Jack, the hod-carrier, listening very attentively, and I should not be a bit surprised if he knows more than both of us." "Jack," he cried to the colored individual. "Sar?" "Do you know the difference between a Mason and anti-Mason?" "Yes sar, I believ I does." "Well, what is it?" "If my brain tells de truf—an' it never fails—Mason is de man what lays de mort'ar, an' anti-Mason is de man what carries de bod.

The proposition to introduce ladies as railroad conductors is frowned upon in view of the fact that their trains are always behind.

AN exchange has the following advice to the people about the business interests of a town or village, which is applicable to any region:

"The way to make a live place is to do all that you can to make the business of your neighbor a success. Advise your business men by speaking a good word for them wherever you go. Always be on the alert to induce new branches of industry to locate in your midst; judiciously aid every enterprise that promises to add business facilities; support local newspapers by taking and paying for them; and feeling an interest in their welfare; if you know of any item of news which would interest the public, take some pains to let the editor know it; do not hold your vacant lots at a price too high; don't hold a penny so near to your eyes as to hide a dollar at arm's length."

And another adds "don't give your neighbor a kick if you suspect he is going down hill. Be just, generous, liberal, helpful and friendly; so you will benefit yourself as well as others."

JOAQUIN MILLER IN ROME. At an evening reception I observed a man who had neglected both broadcloth and gloves; his hair hung over his forehead and his thin boots had no polish. "That's Joaquin Miller," said my partner; "he is living down in the theatre of Marcelus, among the old iron and scrap shops, studying the people and neglecting the form and ceremony which society imposes on all its pet lions." I was seated with him later when he was invited by a lady to dance. He declined with the excuse that he had retired from the carpet since he got a bullet in his leg. "Perhaps Mr. Miller would give us the wardrobe," suggested a gentleman near. "Oh, no, Mr. Miller," pleaded several young ladies at once. "Well, now," said he, "it was only two or three evenings ago when after being begged an hour and a half I agreed to try the war dance, but I had scarcely begun preliminaries when the ladies objected, and of course I had to give it up." "Why, how strange Mr. Miller; what did you do?" "Naturally," said he, "I was going to dance in it costume, but I hadn't gone any further than taking off coat and vest when the people objected, as I told you."

LOAN OF A WIFE. New York is seldom without a domestic sensation. There is a peculiar one just now agitating the surface of fashionable society. One of the parties is the son of a millionaire. He is a very fast young man and drives a spanking team. He is unmarried, and is regarded as a great catch. The other parties are a young man and his wife. Every afternoon the carriage of the millionaire's son drives up to the lady's house; the husband and wife appear; the husband hands the wife into the coach, and while she drives off he returns to the house. On the return of the lady her husband meets her, and gives her a warm greeting. In the evening the trio can be seen on the pavements, dining cozily at fashionable saloons, or occupying the same box at the opera. The party make a sensation wherever they go. Like a nervous man who scatters an acrobat on the trapeze, fashionable New York holds its breath to see what the result of this strange alliance will be.

And now Horatio Seymour follows Francis Kernan in declining the Democratic nomination for the New York Governorship.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

STATE OF VERMONT. In Probate Court, held at Newbury, in said district, on the 21st day of May, A. D. 1874. John Bailey, Jr., administrator of the estate of John Whiteclaire, late of Newbury, in said district, deceased, presents for allowance and makes application for assignment to the widow out of the estate of said deceased.

Whereupon, it is ordered by said court, that said account be referred to a session of said court to be held at the Probate Office in said Newbury on the 6th day of June, 1874, for hearing and decision thereon.

And it is further ordered, that notice hereof be given to all persons interested by publication of the same three weeks successively in the National Opinion, a newspaper published at Bradford, Vt., previous to said time appointed for hearing; that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.

By the Court, Attest, J. W. BAILEY, Judge.

JONATHAN GILCHRIST'S WILL.

STATE OF VERMONT, Bradford District, ss. In Probate Court held at Bradford, in said district, on the 6th day of May, A. D. 1874, an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Jonathan Gilchrist late of Bradford, in said district, deceased, was presented to the Court by Ruth Wallace for Probate. It is ordered by said court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session of said court to be held at the Probate Office in said Bradford, on the 20th day of July, A. D. 1874, and show cause if any they may have, against the Probate of said will, and the appointment of the executor named therein; that a copy of the record of this order be published three weeks successively in the National Opinion, printed at Bradford previous to said time appointed for hearing.

By the Court, Attest, J. W. BAILEY, Judge.

JAMES CHAMBERLIN'S ESTATE.

THE SUBSCRIBERS, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bradford, Commissioners to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of James Chamberlin, late of Bradford, in said district, deceased, represented insolvent and the term of six months from the 6th day of May, 1874, being allowed by said Court, to the creditors of said deceased, to exhibit and prove their respective claims before us; Give notice, that we will attend to the duties of our appointment at the dwelling house of Robert Fulton, in Corinth, in said District, on the 6th day of July and November next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, on each of said days.

May 14th, A. D. 1874. J. K. DARLING, J. R. FULTON, Commissioners.

JANE DOROUGH'S ESTATE.

THE SUBSCRIBERS, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bradford, Commissioners to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Jane Dorough, late of Bradford, in said district, deceased, represented insolvent, and the term of six months from the 8th day of April, 1874, being allowed by said Court, to the creditors of said deceased, to exhibit and prove their respective claims before us; Give notice, that we will attend to the duties of our appointment at the dwelling house of Robert Fulton, in Corinth, in said District, on the 8th day of October next, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon on said day.

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